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**Marion County Prosecutor's Office requests Life Sentence  
Without Parole for Desi Thomas, Jr.**

*Thomas accused of robbery and murder of convenience store clerk Harry Briggs*

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that the Marion County Prosecutor's Office has filed a request for Life Sentence Without Parole against Desi Thomas, Jr. The defendant has been charged with two counts of Murder and Robbery in the death of Harry Briggs in connection with the Joe's Junction convenience store robbery on June 4. According to the probable cause affidavit filed in the case, Thomas entered the convenience store located on the west side of Indianapolis, pointed a handgun at Harry Briggs and another store employee, demanded money, before firing three shots at Briggs.

"The intentional acts of the defendant, as alleged, were nothing less than the cold-blooded killing of Harry Briggs," Prosecutor Curry said. "Those alleged acts, if proven, thus justify that the defendant spend life in prison with no option for parole."

In the State's request for Life Sentence Without Parole, the alleged aggravating circumstance is that Thomas did intentionally murder Harry Briggs, while committing or attempting to commit Robbery of the Joe's Junction convenience store.

The next court appearance scheduled for the defendant is a pre-trial conference on October 7 at 9 a.m. in Court 5.

Early in 2011, Prosecutor Curry implemented a committee review procedure to evaluate the circumstances of any homicide which would involve potential capital punishment or life without parole. That procedure, in general terms, involves a deliberative and critical analysis of the case, both in terms of facts and law, in-depth discussions with homicide detectives, and consultation with family members.

Note: The State's Motion to Amend the Charging Information for this case is available at:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/36rxtm1077addyd/Desi%20Thomas%20motion%20to%20amend%20charging%20info.pdf>